

abortions: "I would dispute any statement that this is the safest procedure to use."

Mr. President, all abortions are lethal for unborn children, and many are unsafe for their mothers. This is even more evident in the late-term, partial-birth abortion, in which children are killed cruelly, their mothers placed at risk, and the society that condones it brutalized in the process.

As Catholic bishops and as citizens of the United States, we strenuously oppose and condemn your veto of H.R. 1833 which will allow partial-birth abortions to continue.

In the coming weeks and months, each of us, as well as our bishops' conference, will do all we can to educate people about partial-birth abortions. We will inform them that partial-birth abortions will continue because you chose to veto H.R. 1833.

We will also urge Catholics and other people of good will—including the 65% of self-described "pro-choice" voters who oppose partial-birth abortions—to do all that they can to urge Congress to override this shameful veto.

Mr. President, your action on this matter takes our nation to a critical turning point in its treatment of helpless human beings inside and outside the womb. It moves our nation one step further toward acceptance of infanticide. Combined with the two recent federal appeals court decisions seeking to legitimize assisted suicide, it sounds the alarm that public officials are moving our society ever more rapidly to embrace a culture of death.

Writing this response to you in unison is, on our part, virtually unprecedented. It will, we hope, underscore our resolve to be unrelenting and unambiguous in our defense of human life.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago; James Cardinal Hickey, Archbishop of Washington, D.C.; Bernard Cardinal Law, Archbishop of Boston; Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit; Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, Archbishop of Philadelphia; William Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore; Roger Cardinal Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles; John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York; Most Reverend Anthony Pilla, President, National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

List is as follows:

#### PRO-ABORTION CATHOLICS IN CONGRESS

Pastor, Becerra, Eshoo, George Miller, Pelosi, Roybal-Allard, DeLauro, Kennelly, Pete Peterson, McKinney, Durbin, Evans, Gutierrez, Visclosky, Baldacci, Joe Kennedy, Markey, Meehan, Luther, Vento, Clay, McCarthy, Pat Williams, Menendez, Pallone, Hinchey, Rangel, Velazquez, DeFazio, Coyne, Reed, Gonzalez.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ABERCROMBIE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RAHALL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MARTINEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELLER, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. PELOSI, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. HYDE and to include extraneous material notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$2,221.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ABERCROMBIE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. CLEMENT.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. CLAY.

Mr. McNULTY.

Mr. HAMILTON in two instances.

Mr. TOWNS.

Mr. BONIOR in two instances.

Mr. BENTSEN.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. EHLERS.

Mr. NEY.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma in two instances.

Mr. TORKILDSEN.

Mr. ALLARD.

Mr. HORN.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana in two instances.

Mr. KING.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. BLILEY.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DORNAN) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut.

Mr. ROBERTS.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana in two instances.

Mr. SPENCE.

Ms. ESHOO.

Mr. MARTINI.

Ms. FURSE.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. FAZIO of California.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 255. An act to designate the Federal Justice Building in Miami, Florida, as the "James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building";

H.R. 869. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 125 Market Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the "Thomas D. Lambros Federal Building and United States Courthouse";

H.R. 1804. An act to designate the United States Post Office-Courthouse located at South 6th and Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas, as the "Judge Isaac C. Parker Federal Building";

H.R. 2556. An act to redesignate the Federal building located at 345 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park, California, and known as the Earth Sciences and Library Building, as the "Vincent E. McKelvey Federal Building"; and

H.R. 2415. An act to designate the United States Customs Administrative Building at the Ysleta/Zaragosa Port of Entry located at 797 South Zaragosa Road in El Paso, Texas, as the "Timothy C. McCaghren Customs Administrative Building."

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, April 19, 1996, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2419. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on conditions in Hong Kong of interest to the United States for the period ending March 31, 1996, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 5731; to the Committee on International Relations.

2420. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2754. A bill to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement; with an amendment (Rept. 104-524 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2594. A bill to amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to reduce the waiting period for benefits payable under that act, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-525). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2660. A bill to increase the